Basic Axioms and Examples

Note 1

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Given a set G, {{c2::a binary operation $\star$ on G}} is {{c1::a function

$$\star : G \times G \to G.$$

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Note 2

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Given a binary operation $\star$ on a set G, for any $a, b \in G$ we shall write {{c2::$a \star b$}} for {{c1::$\star(a, b)$.}}

Note 3

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A binary operation $\star$ on a set G is {{c2::associative}} if {{c1::for all $a, b, c \in G$ we have

$$a \star (b \star c) = (a \star b) \star c.$$

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Note 4

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If $\star$ is a binary operation on a set G we say elements a and b of G {{c1::commute}} if {{c2::

$$a \star b = b \star a.$$

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Note 5

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A binary operation $\star$ on a set G is {{c2::commutative}} if {{c1::for all $a, b \in G$ we have

$$a \star b = b \star a.$$

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Note 6

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Suppose that $\star$ is a binary operation on a set G and $H \subseteq G$. If {{c2::the restriction of $\star$ to H is a binary operation on H,}} then H is said to be {{c1::closed under $\star$.}}

Note 7

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{{c3::A group}} is {{c2::an ordered pair $(G, \star)$}} where {{c1::G is a set and $\star$ is a binary operation on G}} satisfying {{c4::the group axioms.}}

Note 8

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How many axiom are there in the definition of a group $(G, \star)$?

> Three.

Note 9

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What is the first axiom from the definition of a group $(G, \star)$?

> $\star$ is associative.

Note 10

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Given a binary operation $\star$ on a set G, {{c3::an element $e \in G$}} is called {{c2::an identity of G}} if {{c1::for all $a \in G$ we have

$$a \star e = e \star a = a.$$

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Note 11

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What is the second axiom from the definition of a group $(G, \star)$?

> There exists an identity of G.

Note 12

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Given a binary operation $\star$ on a set G and $a \in G$, {{c3::an element $\tilde{a} \in G$}} is called {{c2::an inverse of a}} if {{c1::

$$a \star \tilde{a} = \tilde{a} \star a = e.$$

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Note 13

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Given a binary operation $\star$ on a set G and $a \in G$, {{c2::an inverse of a}} is usually denoted {{c1::a^{-1}.}}

Note 14

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What is the third axiom from the definition of a group $(G, \star)$?

> For all $a \in G$ there exists a^{-1}.

Note 15

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A group $(G, \star)$ is called {{c2::abelian}} if {{c1::$\star$ is commutative.}}

Note 16

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We shall say G is {{c2::a group under $\star$}} if {{c1::$(G, \star)$ is a group.}}

Note 17

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We shall say a set G is {{c2::a group}} if {{c1::G is a group under an operation that is clear from the context.}}

Note 18

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$\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{C}$ are {{c2::groups}} under {{c1::$+$.}}

Note 19

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$\mathbb{Q} - \{0\}$, $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$, $\mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ are {{c2::groups}} under {{c1::$\times$.}}

Note 20

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$\mathbb{Q}^+, \mathbb{R}^+$ are {{c2::groups}} under {{c1::$\times$.}}

Note 21

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Is $\mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$ a group under $\times$?

> No. (There is no inverse.)

Note 22

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Let V be a vector space. Then V is {{c2::a group}} under {{c1::$+$.}}

Note 23

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Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then {{c3::$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$}} is {{c2::a group}} under {{c1::addition}} of residue classes.

Note 24

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Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then {{c3::$(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$}} is {{c2::a group}} under {{c1::multiplication }} of residue classes.

Note 25

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If $(A, \star)$ and $(B, \diamond)$ are {{c4::groups,}} then the group {{c2::$A \times B$,}} whose operation is {{c1::defined componentwise:

$$(a, b)(c, d) = (a \star c, b \diamond d),$$

}} is called {{c3::the direct product of the two groups.}}

Note 26

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If $(G, \star)$ is a group, then {{c2::the identity of G}} is {{c1::unique.}}

Note 27

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If $(G, \star)$ is a group, then the identity of G is unique. What is the key idea in the proof?

> Consider the product of two arbitrary identities.

Note 28

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If $(G, \star)$ is a group, then for every $a \in G$, {{c2::a^{-1}}} is {{c1::uniquely determined.}}

Note 29

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If $(G, \star)$ is a group, then for every $a \in G$, a^{-1} is uniquely determined. What is the key idea in the proof?

> Multiply an inverse on the right by $a \star a^{-1}$.

Note 30

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If $(G, \star)$ is a group and $a \in G$, then

$$(a^{-1})^{-1} = \text{\{\{c1::}a.\text{\}\}}$$

Note 31

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If $(G, \star)$ is a group and $a, b \in G$, then

$$\text{\{\{c2::}(a \star b)^{-1}\text{\}\}} = \text{\{\{c1::}(b^{-1}) \star (a^{-1}).\text{\}\}}$$

Note 32

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If $(G, \star)$ is a group and $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in G$, then the value of

$$a_1 \star \cdots \star a_n$$

is {{c2::independent}} of {{c1::how the expression is bracketed.}}

«{{c3::The generalized associative law}}»

Note 33

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What is the key idea in the proof of the generalized associative law for a group $(G, \star)$?

> By induction.

Note 34

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Henceforth our abstract groups G, H, *etc.* will always be written with the operation as {{c1::$\cdot$.}}

Note 35

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Henceforth for an abstract group G (operation $\cdot$) an expression {{c2::$a \cdot b$}} will always be written as {{c1::ab.}}

Note 36

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Henceforth for an abstract group G (operation $\cdot$) we denote {{c2:: the identity of G}} by {{c1::1.}}

Note 37

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For any group G and $x \in G$ and {{c3::$n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$}} we shall denote by {{c2::x^n}} {{c1::the product

$$\underbrace{xx\cdots x}_{n \text{ terms}}.$$

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Note 38

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For any group G and $x \in G$ and {{c3::$n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$}} we shall denote by {{c2::x^{-n}}} {{c1::the product

$$\underbrace{x^{-1}x^{-1}\cdots x^{-1}}_{n \text{ terms}}.$$

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Note 39

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For any group G and {{c3::$x \in G$,}} let $x^{\{\{c2::0\}\}} \overset{\text{def}}{=}$ {{c1::1, the identity of G}}.

Note 40

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For G a group and $x \in G$ define {{c2::the order of x}} to be {{c1::the smallest positive integer n such that

$$x^n = 1.$$

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Note 41

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For G a group and $x \in G$, if {{c2::no positive power of x is the identity,}} {{c3::the order of x}} is defined to be {{c1::infinity.}}

Note 42

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For G a group and $x \in G$, denote {{c2::the order of x}} by {{c1::$|x|$.}}

Note 43

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For G a group and $x \in G$, if {{c2::the order of x is an integer n,}} x is said to be {{c1::of order n.}}

Note 44

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For G a group and $x \in G$, if {{c2::the order of x is infinite,}} x is said to be {{c1::of infinite order.}}

Note 45

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An element of a group has order 1 {{c2::if and only if}} {{c1::it is the identity.}}

Note 46

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Let $G = \{g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_n\}$ be {{c4::a finite group}} with {{c3::$g_1 = 1$.}} The {{c2::multiplication table}} or {{c2::group table}} of G is {{c1::the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_i g_j \end{bmatrix} \sim n \times n.$$

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